As and when specific instances or irregularities are brought to the notice of the Department, necessary action is taken to recover the money sanctioned to the organizations besides initiating action for blacklisting such organization. In Swawalamban (NORAD) Scheme, recovery of Government funds has since been made in case of nine organizations; Show-cause Notice has been issued to five organization for recovery of the balance of GOI funds; Two cases are sub-judice. Orders for recovery have been issued under the Creche Scheme in a case from Bihar State. The State Government has also been requested to lodge an FIR in the matter.

(c) Last year Shri Kunjlal Samarak Samiti, Lucknow has been blacklisted for misutilisation of grant under Creche Programme.

Implementation of SSA in Karnataka

605. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is being implemented in Karnataka;

(b) if so, how many children in the age of 6-14 years have been given free education in Karnataka under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide free education for children from the age of three years;

(d) the amount released to Karnataka during 2002-03 under the above Abhiyan; and

(e) number of children proposed to be provided with free education during 2003-04?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) As per the information furnished by Government of Karnataka, 79.45 lakh children in the 6-14 age-group are being provided free education. Another 2.99 lakh out of school children are proposed to be covered during the year 2003-04. 13.65 lakh children are being provided free pre-school education under the scheme of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS). The Central Government has released Rs. 8270.46 lakh during 2002-03.